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SUBJ: IAEA STAFFING-- VN 2/73

1. AFTER HAVING DISCUSSED MATTER OF JOE WILSON'S RE- APPOINTMENT RECENTLY WITH NEW DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NUCLEAR POWER AND REACTORS (POLLIART), WHO WAS SYMPATHETIC, WE RAISED QUESTION APR 27 WITH DDG CHERNILIN, WHO MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL OBJECT TO SUCH ACTION IF IT IS PROPOSED. HE ARGUED THAT THIS WOULD PUT HIM IN VERY DIFFICULT POSITION, SINCE HE HAS RECENTLY HAD TO TURN DOWN SIMILAR REQUESTS (FOR LONG-TERM CONTRACTS) AND STILL OTHERS WERE IN THE WORKS; WHICH HE WOULD ALSO FEEL COMPELLED TO TURN DOWN. FURTHER, HE SAID EXISTING STAFFING SITUATION IN DIVISION OF NUCLEAR POWER AND REACTORS COMPOUNDS PROBLEM, IN VIEW ALREADY LARGE NUMBER OF STAFF MEMBERS (ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE U.S.) HOLDING PERMANENT

OR LONG- TERM CONTRACTS (6 OUT OF 22), OF WHICH FOUR ARE P-5'S. ADDING ONE MORE WOULD MEAN THAT ONE- HALF OF ALL P-5'S IN DIVISION WOULD BE ON PERMANENT OR LONG- TERM APPOINTMENTS, WHICH HE FEELS IS EXCESSIVE.

2. WE STRESSED WILSON'S EXCELLENT CAPABILITIES, PARTICULARLY HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARKET SURVEY AND AGENCY'S DESALTING ACTIVITIES, NOTING, IN CONNECTION LATTER, THAT ADDITIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN U. S. AND MEXICO WERE LIKELY TO COME ALONG IN NEAR FUTURE AND THAT AGENCY WOULD PROBABLY BE ASKED ALSO TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME CAPACITY, AS IN PAST, AND THAT IT IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, FOR AGENCY TO HAVE SOME STAFF COMPETENCE IN DESALTING FIELD, WHICH WILSON OBVIOUSLY HAD. WE ALSO MENTIONED, INTER ALIA, IMPORTANT EXTRA- CURRICULAR WORK WHICH WILSON, AS SCHOOL BOARD CONFIDENTIAL

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CHAIRMAN, IS DOING ON PLANNING AND SUPERVISING EXPANSION OF AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL-- A 2- YEAR \$2,000,000 PROJECT, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO AGENCY'S ABILITY TO RECRUIT ENGLISH- SPEAKING STAFF IN FUTURE YEARS. THIS IS MATTER WHICH DG, DDG HALL, AND MISSION STAFF HAVE VIEWED WITH CONCERN AND TO WHICH WE HAVE DEVOTED GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND ATTENTION. CHERNILIN, OF COURSE, POINTED OUT THIS IS NOT RPT NOT HIS PROBLEM.

- 3. DESPITE OUR URGING CHERNILIN TO TREAT QUESTION OF WILSON REAPPOINTMENT AS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE AND OUR EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT HE RECONSIDER MATTER, CHERNILIN FLATLY REFUSED, SAYING QUITE FRANKLY THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO POINT IN DOING SO, SINCE HE COULD SEE NO RPT NO WAY TO JUSTIFY IT ON EXCEPTIONAL GROUNDS. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS FULLY AWARE AND WOULD EXPECT THAT WE WOULD "GO OVER HIS HEAD" TO DG ON MATTER, BUT THAT HE COULD NOT RPT NOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE CHANGE HIS MIND.
- 4. WE WILL, OF COURSE, PURSUE MATTER FURTHER WITH HALL AND DG, BOTH OF WHOM FAVOR WILSON REAPPOINTMENT, BUT IS IS CLEAR THAT WE ARE IN FOR SOME ROUGHT SAILONG AHEAD IN TRYING TO PUSH THIS THROUGH. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WILSON'S PRESENCE HERE IS SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT FOR VARIOUS REASONS FOR US TO CONTINUE PRESSING MATTER. PORTER

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